

SAYS "MEDDLING" ESTIMATE BOARD" HOLDS UP SCHOOLS

Education Board Members Demand Full Control of Funds as Remedy.

WILL ASK NEW LAW.

At Present School Officials at Every Step Must Wait for City Hall's "O. K."

"Financial independence" is the only solution to the school problem, according to every official in the Board of Education, from President Anning S. Pratt down.

"Whatever delay has characterized our attempts to acquire sites and build new schools or additions has been due to the meddling of the Board of Estimate and its Finance and Budget Committee," one official told The Evening World. "Whatever we do or plan to do is subject to the approval of the administration officials in the City Hall. Even if they act quickly and are kindly disposed, months are lost."

"Although the Education Law of the State makes the Board of Education the sole judge over sites, their selection and their purchase, and also the sole judge over the type of school building to be erected on this site, the procedure of the Board of Estimate compels us to submit both site and plans before we can go ahead. I suppose that so long as the Board of Estimate furnishes the money we will have to submit to this annoyance and in any cases to an obstructionist attitude."

"FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE" MAY MEAN POLITICAL POWER.

This financial independence, however, will carry with it a large amount of political independence and for this reason many authorities on education feel a strong fight will be made against any attempt to change the existing order of things. It is known that a legislative committee is drawing up recommendations to be presented to the 1922 Legislature which, enacted into law, will make the schools absolutely independent.

Just how the schools will be financed is not definitely decided upon. The method most generally favored is to declare a certain school tax large enough to meet all the needs of the department. Another way suggested is to have the city budget drawn up without the items of the board of education included, and then add a certain minimum percentage of the whole budget as presented to the city hall.

Advocates of this method declare that had this procedure been in vogue the Board of Estimate would not have been able to compel the Board of Education to eliminate \$25,000,000 from its minimum needs for this year, while all other departments were granted substantial increases. The Evening World's investigation has found a disposition on the part of certain persons in the Board of Education to lay the accumulated virtues of the school system at the door of Mayor Hyatt and the Board of Estimate, while at the same time reflecting even the slightest deficiency as attributable to the present administration.

PRaise for Hylan for THINGS NOT DONE.

For instance, they point with pride to the more than 500 schools which now constitute the system, but fail to mention the fact that most of the schools in the 1910 building program are still a dream. They say the school pupils constitute an army of nearly 900,000, but fail to add that the last May the increase of 44,275 over May, 1920. Double sessions increased 9,330 during the same time. A striking example of how this present administration is competing for the shoulder at least its share of the situation is found in a report of a desired school in Queens. The facts are taken from either the report of the Board of Education or official reports of the board. Where exact words are used they are indicated by quotation marks.

On April 15, 1918, the Board of Education selected a new site for a school at Wool and Locust Streets, Queens. The Board of Estimate, on July 2, 1920, "deferred" the matter until last meeting in November, 1920, to ascertain whether provision for building is made in 1921 building program. This was officially included in the 1921 program. Aug. 25, 1920, and it was known at the time of the Board of Estimate action the building would be included.

So after more than two years of delay the Board of Estimate postponed action another five months, apparently hoping the Board of Education would drop the item through sheer weariness. Here is the report made to the Board of Education by George J. Ryan, its Vice President, and the resolution adopted at the meeting. May 19, 1920, six weeks before the Board of Estimate postponed action until November.

"The Board of Education on April 17, 1918, selected a plot of land at Nassau Heights and provision for the construction of a 36-unit building thereon was made in the building program for 1919-1920, which was made a part of the budget estimate for 1920. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, however, made no provision in the 1920 budget for the purpose of acquiring the site and erecting the building, but on Dec. 30, 1919, and Jan. 2, 1920, appropriated the sum of \$15,000,000 therefor.

NEEDED SCHOOL IS GIVEN UP AFTER FLAGRANT CASE OF "MEDDLING."

"An original programme of the Board of Education called for an expenditure of \$25,000,000. It was necessary to eliminate certain items

WITNESSES WILL TELL OF STILLMAN PARTIES ON YACHT

Will Describe Visits of Mrs. Leeds and Other Women to the Modesty.

AUTO RIDES A FEATURE.

Banker Said to Have Posed as "Secret Service Man" While Motoring.

The counsel for Mrs. Anne U. Potter Stillman in her defense against the divorce action of James A. Stillman, in which hearings are to be resumed next Wednesday, made plans to-day regarding the introduction of former employees of Mr. Stillman on his yacht Modesty at Miami, Fla., and in the North River off 125th Street.

One of these witnesses tells of overnight visits on the yacht by Mrs. Florence H. Leeds and other women and of utterances and actions by Mrs. Leeds tending to show that she sometimes regarded the other women with deep suspicion, which in the opinion of the witness was well founded.

This man told of an occasion when a strikingly beautiful red-haired woman of the type which has become familiar to investigators of Mr. Stillman's diversions was on the Modesty for a night. The following day Mrs. Leeds came aboard and searched the ship, ostensibly for a lost pocket book. When the steward offered to assist her, he reported that Mrs. Leeds said to him in exasperation: "What I'm looking for is to find what sort of a woman was on this boat last night." It was gathered that she had been told that ladies of the Stillman family had been guests on the yacht the day before—which was true enough, though perhaps not the whole truth.

Another witness put through preliminary questioning was a chauffeur, who told of driving one of Mr. Stillman's cars under the orders of Mrs. Leeds. He told of being sent to the Amsterdam Avenue home of Plumber Lawlor, the father of Mrs. Leeds, with the order "Go up to Amsterdam Avenue and give pop the air."

The same witness asserted that Mr. Stillman sometimes went out with Mrs. Leeds in the car, posing as "Mr. Leeds," and that he kept the curtains down so that he was partly concealed, saying that his duties as a "secret service man" made it advisable for him not to be conspicuous.

SAYS HER HUSBAND NEGLECTS CHILDREN

Mrs. Crane, in Separation Proceedings, Declares They Need Funds for Clothing and Education.

Justice Davis to-day directed that a reference be taken as to the resources of Wilber E. Crane, whose wife, Estelle P., suing for a separation, alleges has an income of at least \$20,000 a year as President of the Illinois Steel Bridge Company, Vice President of the C. Tennant Sons Co., 19 West 44th Street, importers, as well as being interested in a number of railroads.

Mrs. Crane charges that while they lived at the rate of from \$9,881 to \$17,308 a year since their marriage on March 5, 1908, he has given her no money since he left her Christmas. She admits, however, that he has paid the rent of the apartment at No. 825 Riverside Drive, and household expenses, but has refused to provide clothing for herself and two children. The children, Josephine, twelve, and Robert, five, are in need of medical attention, she says, and the father has failed to provide funds for their education since he left.

Since his departure Mrs. Crane says her husband has remitted but \$175, and she has had to sell all the furniture.

Since Nov. 15 last the children have not been to school, she says. Prior to that, Mrs. Crane avers, her husband paid the children's tuition of \$100 a month. Crane sets up a general denial of the charges.

provided for therein and it was felt that, on account of curtailed appropriation, the erection of the proposed school at Nassau Heights should be deferred until the next year.

However, a careful study of the school situation in the above-mentioned localities, Maspeth and Nassau Heights, has convinced me that there is immediate need for relief and that the best solution of the problem is the erection of the proposed school at Nassau Heights.

Delegation of Pretty Young Women From Utah Attending the Christian Endeavor Convention



UTAH DELEGATES, ALL WOMEN. L. to R. MISS BESSIE FACEY, MRS. BLANCHE POLMON, MISS MAY WILLIAMSON, PEARL REAULIEU, CLARA LEE, ORRA BADWELL, MINNIE McARTHUR.

ENDEAVOR DELEGATES FIND MUCH TO INTEREST THEM BESIDES GREAT CONVENTION

Party From Utah One of the Most Picturesque, While 3,000 Southerners Wear Red Fezzes Labelled "Dixie."

Nearly twice as many delegates as were expected—3,000 arriving to-day—have made the present Sixth World's Convention the greatest gathering of Christian Endeavorers in the history of the organization. The total of delegates meeting in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory to date reached 18,000, and there are others still to come. General Secretary Edward P. Gates to-day said that fully as many women as men are in the ranks of the representatives who have journeyed to New York from practically every State in the Union.

New England leads in the number of delegates reporting, but from the South have come three times as many as it ever sent to any other convention and the West coast is well represented.

Questions of world-wide interest, disarmament and modern vice among them, were discussed to-day by groups of leaders, apart from the regular business of the convention.

The necessity of providing social centers to take the place of the saloon was one of the themes in an address delivered at to-day's session, by the Rev. Dr. George W. Richards, of the Reformed Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

The session opened with the usual song service conducted by Homer Rodeheaver, once Billy Sunday's musical leader. After an address by the Rev. Stanley B. Van Borsell, who presided, telegrams were read from President Harding and Vice President Coolidge congratulating the leaders of the convention and expressing their regret at not being able to attend.

Final instructions were given yesterday for the Christian citizenship parade and demonstration to-morrow, starting at noon at 24th Street, marching up Fifth Avenue and ending in an outdoor meeting on the Sheep Meadow in Central Park, with William Jennings Bryan and Immigration Commissioner Frederick A. Wallis as speakers. About 20,000 delegates and friends will be in line.

The Anti-Saloon League, through William H. Anderson, announced yesterday the parade is in no sense an answer to the wet parade earlier in the week.

There will not be any general dry parade on Saturday or any other time," he said.

Bald Headed Men Get Knock From Bob Haired Girl

She Had Been Refused a Job by "Extemporaneous Blonde" Hater of Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., July 8.—A bald-headed man looks less businesslike than a bob-haired girl—and most times he has less sense.

This was the answer to-day of Miss Mabel Johnson, eighteen, bobbed and blonde, to J. K. Daniels, slightly bald, brunet, head of the employment division of the Aetna Insurance Company.

Miss Johnson was refused a position with the company chiefly because she had bobbed blond hair—that straight flaxen kind which Daniels said was a sign of "light-headedness."

He has put in force a policy of not hiring peroxide blondes and bob-haired girls.

Bald-headed men ought to be waiters in a restaurant," Miss Johnson said. Every time I see one of those shiny domes with a mock dignified little fellow underneath it, I want to tip him a dime. I don't think I have any less sense now that I did before my hair was cut.

"There's always a big rumple like this when women try to get away from uncomfortable conventional styles for healthful informality and ease."

"I bobbed my hair because it's cooler without that heavy knot on my head and I save about fifteen minutes in getting to work every morning because I don't have to fix my hair."

Mr. Daniels said he had received letters from girls in all parts of the country protesting against his stand.

STOKES CONSENTS TO LET CHILDREN GO TO MOTHER.

Yields Custody to Grandmother With Whom She Shares Home.

Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes, with the consent of her husband, practically gave the custody of their two children, the partial victory for the wife in the divorce suit charging her with misconduct was made clear to-day as a result of a brief filed yesterday in behalf of the husband.

The latter, it was found yesterday, when his brief was filed, has offered to give the custody of the two Stokes children, James and Helen Marie, to their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Emma Miller, during their "tender years."

Inasmuch as Mrs. Stokes now makes her home with her mother in Denver, her husband's offer is tantamount to giving her the custody of her two children, one of the things for which she has been fighting since the start of the divorce proceedings against her.

The case now rests in the hands of Supreme Court Justice Finch.

2 MEYER MEMBERS KICK AT METHODS OF HIS COMMITTEE

Assemblymen Donohue and Bloch Demand Admission to Secret Hearing.

SINNOTT ON GRILL.

Father of Mayor's Secretary Produces Books and Bank Records.

Despite the recent unanimous decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court that the Meyer Committee to investigate the City Administration has no power to examine witnesses by sub-committees in secret session, an attempt was made to-day to secretly examine James P. Sinnott, Commissioner of Water Supply, by a sub-committee of two Republican members, Assemblymen Ullman and Stitt. Mr. Sinnott, who is the father of James P. Sinnott, the Mayor's private secretary and son-in-law, brought with him to the committee room his bank books and check books.

Assemblyman Charles Donohue, minority leader, and Maurice Bloch, members of the committee, "strong-armed" their way, to use their own expression, into the room where Mr. Sinnott was being examined. In the mean time reporters had telephoned to Senator Meyer demanding that they be admitted to the examination room in the light of the decision of the Appellate Division.

Senator Meyer referred them to Samuel A. Berger of counsel to the committee. Berger refused to admit them on the ground that they might get something wrong and injure the witness. Sinnott said he had nothing to conceal and wanted the reporters to be admitted.

The two Democratic and two Republican Assemblymen wrangled for half an hour over the Appellate Division decision before Sinnott's books were opened for inspection. The Commissioner was in the committee room an hour and a half and was instructed to return later.

"They are courteous enough," he said on leaving. "They didn't ask me anything I was afraid to answer or couldn't answer. I am willing to be examined in public because I have nothing to conceal."

Assemblyman Donohue said the examining members of the committee "paved" over Sinnott's bank books and cancelled checks and stubs. "They weren't brutal enough to ask him where he got the money he deposited in the bank," added the Assemblyman, "but they came pretty close to it."

DRIVER GETS 10 DAYS JAIL FOR BEATING HORSE

Magistrate Cohn Denounces Brutality of Butcher's Helper.

Characterizing the case as one of the most brutal that has ever come to his attention, Magistrate Cohn in the Essex Market Court to-day sentenced Nathan Hass, twenty-nine, of No. 131 Third Street, to ten days in the workhouse for cruelty to animals. Hass, who drives a butcher wagon, pleaded guilty to using a whip on his horse.

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BURNED BY EXPLOSION.

Police Report Petrof's Injuries Due to Hoosh Making.

With severe burns about the head, face and chest, said to have been received in an explosion in his store, on East 14th Street, Henry Petrof, twenty-four, was taken to Bellevue last night.

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Three to 10 Years for Youth of 20 Who Shot One of 16.

Louis Merlino, twenty, who shot John O'Brien, sixteen, on the roof of No. 155 West 108th Street, while protesting, he said, against alleged insults to his sister, was sentenced to from three to ten years in Sing Sing by Judge Talley to-day.

Merlino, indicted for murder in the first degree, pleaded guilty to first degree manslaughter. O'Brien recovered from the wound but later an abscess set in which caused death.

MAN OF 97 IS LOST WITH A POODLE DOG

Anthony Little Went Walking Near Elizabeth and Disappeared.

Ninety-seven years old and lost. That is the plight of Anthony Little of Garwood, a suburb of Elizabeth, N. J., and the whole countryside has been secured in an effort to find him and the poodle dog that accompanied him when he left the home of his daughter Mrs. Gustave Small, No. 401 Centre Street, Garwood, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Little departed on his usual walk and the dog trotted along with him. No one paid any attention to him aside from extending the greetings of the day. When time arrived for his return he failed to appear. As the day grew on his daughter became apprehensive. The police were notified. No trace could be found. The authorities of Cranford, Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood were asked to help find him.

Yesterday morning John Small, grandson of the missing man, went to West Orange in an effort to borrow some bloodhounds to trace his missing relative but could not obtain the animals.

The mystery is made deeper by the fact that the dog failed to return. It is believed that both are in the woods, although search has failed to discover them. Mr. Little will be ninety-eight years old Aug. 27.

TO SHOW POISON WAS GIVEN KABER BEFORE KILLING

Prosecution Witnesses Tell of His Singular Illness Only After Wife's Visits.

CLEVELAND, July 8.—Testimony considered by the State to be of vital importance in establishing its claim that Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber first attempted to kill her husband, Daniel F. Kaber, by poisoning before his murder, was given to-day by Miss Crystal Benner, a nurse who attended him.

Miss Benner said she attended Mr. Kaber also at a hospital, where he had been operated on to ascertain whether he was suffering from cancer. He did not have cancer, she said.

While Mr. Kaber always had vomiting spells after eating food at his home served him by Mrs. Kaber, Miss Benner testified, he never vomited after eating at the hospital but once, and that once after Mrs. Kaber had visited him.

She said Mr. Kaber told her that Mrs. Kaber had given him candy. Miss Benner said Mrs. Kaber called by telephone at 2 o'clock in the morning after her visit to the hospital to inquire about his condition. This was the only time she ever called to make such inquiry, Miss Benner said.

Miss Benner said she was employed as nurse from April 17 to May 21, preceding his murder.

Preceding Miss Benner on the witness stand was Miss Emma Wagner, a maid in the Kaber home from April 1 to July 7, preceding the murder of Mr. Kaber on July 8, 1919.

Miss Wagner also testified that Mr. Kaber became violently sick after eating candy given him by Mrs. Kaber and that on one occasion he spit the candy out. She also testified that Mr. Kaber always became ill after eating. She said that she generally prepared Mr. Kaber's food at home but that Mrs. Kaber served him.

Miss Benner had testified that Mr. Kaber's food was prepared at home by Mrs. Kaber. Miss Wagner told of Mr. Kaber vomiting after eating strawberries over which powdered sugar had been sprinkled by Mrs. Kaber.

That Mr. and Mrs. Kaber often quarreled also was testified to by Miss Wagner. After one of these quarrels she said she heard Mrs. Kaber say:

"Dan, if there's a God, you'll suffer before you die."

Miss Wagner also told about Mrs. Kaber having her hunt for Kaber's Masonic ring set with a large diamond. She said she found it in Mr. Kaber's room, but that Mrs. Kaber told her not to say anything about it, as it belonged to her daughter, Marian McArdle. The State contended that this ring was given to the persons who stabbed Mr. Kaber as part payment for killing him.

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